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We claim:-

1. A process for the preparation of isocyanates by reacting
5 primary amines with phosgene in a reactor, the reaction
discharge being present in the form of a suspension which
contains the isocyanate to be prepared, as a liquid, and
carbamyl chlorides as a solid, wherein the suspension is
worked up in a film evaporator.
- 10 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film evaporator
is an apparatus which has no moving parts.
- 15 3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the film
evaporator is a falling-film evaporator.
- 20 4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a
distillation column is connected downstream of the film
evaporator.
- 25 5. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the
suspension is worked up in two or more film evaporators which
are arranged in series and operate at different pressure
levels.
- 30 6. A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first film
evaporator operates at from 0.5 to 25 bar and the second film
evaporator has a pressure which is from 0.01 to 1 bar lower
than the pressure of the first film evaporator.
- 35 7. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the
carbamyl chloride is present in the suspension in an amount
of from 0.01 to 35% by weight, based on the weight of the
isocyanate to be prepared.
- 40 8. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the
suspension contains amine hydrochlorides and ureas as
additional solid components.
- 45 9. A production plant for the production of isocyanates by
reacting primary amines with phosgene, comprising
a reactor in which the reaction of primary amines with
phosgene takes place and

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at least one film evaporator to which the reaction discharge of the reactor, which is present in the form of a suspension which contains the isocyanate to be prepared, as a liquid, and carbamyl chlorides as a solid, is fed.

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10. The use of film evaporators for working up reaction discharges from phosgenation reactors, the reaction discharges being present in the form of a suspension which contains the isocyanate to be prepared, as a liquid, and carbamyl chlorides as a solid.

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